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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Attorney Docket No. 520.43071X00 UTILITY First Inventor PATENT APPLICATION EBATA, ATSUSHI TRANSMITTAL Title METHOD FOR REBALANCING FREE DISK SPACE **AMONG NETWORK STORAGES VIRTUALIZED INTO** (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) A SINGLE FILE SYSTEM VIEW Express Mail Label No. Mall Stop Patent Application **APPLICATION ELEMENTS Commissioner for Patents** ADDRESS TO: SEE MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450 1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission Applicant claims small entity status. fif applicable, all necessary) See 37 CFR 1.27. Computer Readable Form (CRF) з. 🖂 b. Specification Sequence Listing on: Specification [Total Pages: 64] (preferred arrangement set forth below) i. . \square CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or -Descriptive title of the invention -Cross Reference to Related Applications ii. . \square paper -Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D -Reference to sequence listing, a table, Statements verifying identity of above copies or a computer program listing appendix -Background of the Invention -Brief Summary of the Invention ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS -Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) 9. 🛛 Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s)) -Detailed Description -Claim(s) Power of Attorney 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement -Abstract of the Disclosure (when there is an assignee) 4. 11. L English Translation Document (if applicable) Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Pages: 19] Copies of IDS Citations 12. Information Disclosure 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 4] Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Newly executed (original or copy) **Preliminary Amendment** Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) (Should be specifically itemized) 15. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b) (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 Other: Figs. 1-19, Credit Card Payment Form, List and Copies of Prior Art 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Prior application information: Examiner: _ Art Unit: _ For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS 020457 **Customer Number** Correspondence address below Name ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP Address City State Zip Code Country Telephone (703) 312-6600 Fax (703) 312-6666 Carl I. Brundidge Name Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 29,621 Signature Date August 25, 2003

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